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Romulus ‘Visioning’ report presented to public

The Vision Romulus-Our Community, Our Future final vision and strategic action plan was presented to members of the city council, city officials and the public last week.

David Beurle, CEO of Future iQ, the consultants responsible for preparing the report, said there were two major aspects prevalent in the project which was developed following extensive community engagement beginning in July 2022 and continuing through January 2023. The engagement process included community surveys, five focus group sessions, and the Vision Romulus - Our Community, Our Future ThinkTank workshop. “The engagement process was designed to provide an open, inclusive, and transparent platform for community members to help create a shared vision for Romulus, looking out to 2030. This report represents Future iQ’s analysis of the engagement outcomes,” Beurle said.

The first aspect of the visioning process noted in the report was the leveraging the unique geographic advantage that Romulus enjoys as the site of the international Detroit Metropolitan airport. Beurle said Romulus is on the edge of the Detroit metropolis yet is also a peri-urban space embracing both rural and urban amenities.



David Beurle, CEO of Future iQ, outlines the findings of the extensive Vision Romulus study to city officials and residents.

desire for the future of the community. The report states that “there is a strong desire among residents to see the Romulus community evolve and those who participated in the study want a more forward looking community that intentionally embraces and leans into change.”

The report also noted that there is a high priority placed on “innovative education, creating strong social connectivity, and building a safe, vibrant, and engaged community fabric.”

Community participants expressed a desire for Romulus to take a more aggressive approach to leveraging the competitive strategic positioning as a transportation hub, in a key peri-urban location, Beurle reported. “The focus should be on building community infrastructure for the future, that appeals to emerging businesses and workforce.”

Throughout the process, according to the presented findings, a common theme was excitement that things were beginning to happen in Romulus. Participants repeatedly expressed a desire to be engaged, informed, and included in the evolution of the community.

The complete report is available on the city website www.romulusgov.com and the City of Romulus Facebook page.

Sweet season Maybury Farm Maple Syrup Tours return

A rite of spring will be celebrated at Maybury Farm this year as the annual Maple Syrup Tours return.

Maple Syrup Tours will take place Saturdays and Sundays from March 11 through April 2. The tours begin with a tractor-pulled wagon ride into the woods to see how maple trees are tapped, and watch and taste the sap run. This is a walking trip into the Sugar Bush, so visitors should be prepared to walk a short distance, the farm manager explained.

Visitors will return to the farm by wagon ride and be taken directly to the Sugar Shack to see how the sap becomes maple syrup. Spile, tap, evaporator, filter, hydrometer, arch, sheeting - visitors will learn what all those devices have to do with creating the sweet treat. A little history and science will accompany the syrup processing and a sampling of freshly made maple syrup.

Visitors can also enjoy a visit with the farm animals while at the farm, organizers said.

After the tour, visitors can warm up in the Maybury Farm General Store where hot drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is also available for purchase along



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SUMPTER - ROMULUS

Relocation site for veterans memorial is discussed



Reinstalling the Romulus Veteran's Memorial at the grounds of the historic Peter Bird House in the city is being considered by officials.

Members of the Romulus City Council have listened to varying opinions regarding the relocation of the city veteran's monument during the past months.

During construction of the new courthouse on the municipal complex, the memorial was removed and much of it placed in storage by workers from the DPW, according to reports at various council meetings when the location of the monument was questioned by the public and council members.

A study session, allowing the

public to comment on the two proposed locations, was scheduled Monday, although any decision was not available at press time. The two proposed locations for re-installation of the monument are the southwest corner of the Romulus Municipal Complex parking lot or the formation of a veteran's memorial park at the corner of Wayne and Vining Road.

The proposed establishment of a veteran's park is at the site of the historic Peter C. Bird home, a registered national historic site. Peter C. Bird served in

the Union Army during the Civil War where he was wounded during the battle of Gettysburg. After being rescued from the battlefield by his brother, Bird served for 10 years as a light-house keeper on the Keweenaw peninsula. When he retired, he moved to Romulus and constructed his family home now located at 12112 Wayne Road.

The famous painting "Gettysburg Cyclorama" by Paul Philippoteaux, on exhibit at the Gettysburg National Museum, features the rescue of Pvt. Bird by his brother.

Clerk reminds residents of tax payment deadline

Sumpter Township Clerk Esther Hurst has reminded residents that property tax payments are due no later than Feb. 28.

Both summer and winter tax bills for 2022 can be paid at her office at Sumpter Township Hall until 5 p.m. Feb. 28. After that date, taxes must be paid at the office of the Wayne County Treasurer in Detroit. Payments to the

county officers will incur a 4 percent administration fee and a 1 percent, per month interest fee, Hurst reminded taxpayers.

For more information, call the clerk's office at (734) 256-4417 or access treasurer:waynecounty.com

Sumpter Township Hall is located at 23480 Sumpter Road Belleville, MI 48111.

Police urge drivers to keep vehicles locked

Sumpter Township police issued a warning to residents last week regarding an increase in thefts from parked vehicles.

In an electronic post, police officials said the department had responded to the increase in thefts in the manufactured home community in the town-

ship. Officials reminded residents to lock their vehicles and take all valuables with them when leaving the car or truck.

Residents were urged to call (734) 461-6898 to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. For emergency service, dial 9-1-1



Meet the champions

The Romulus High School Wrestling Team won the district championship at the Western Wayne Athletic Conference League Championships last week. Three first year wrestlers won medals and Kourtlan Oliver continued his dominance winning the league championship. The Eagles All-League championship wrestlers include:106 - Amin Nesmith 4th place; 157 - Zerrick Thomas 3rd place; 165 - Sterling Frye 3rd place; 175 - Kourtlan Oliver-League Champion and 215 - Damon Brooks 3rd place.

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2023
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

4:30 PM Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 13th, 2023

1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury; click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursdays at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

Publish: February 16th, February 23rd, March 2nd

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2023 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 13, 2023:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

March 14, 2023:

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

March 15, 2023:

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review **MUST** receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents **MUST** submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 18, 2023:

9:30 am

December 12, 2023:

9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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CANTON

Indoor Farmers Market returns to Summit on Sunday

Shoppers looking for fresh produce and hand-crafted goods can find success at the indoor Farmers Market set for this Sunday in Canton Township.

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Off-Season Markets in February, March, and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center.

The Markets are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, March 19, and April 16, in the Banquet Center at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

“Bringing back our off-season markets to the Summit on the Park is always a win-win for everyone,” said Canton Farmers Market Supervisor Jennifer Franz.

“We are so glad that we’re able to help support our local farmers and crafters who provide access to healthy food sources and special items and fill a unique niche in our community.”

All City Dogs Food Truck will be onsite this Sunday featuring craft hot dogs and sausages, as well as a variety of sandwiches and sides for lunch options. The featured food truck for the March 19 market will be PizzaPazza.

In addition, House of Mac food truck will be onsite during the April 16 market. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted by a variety of vendors. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

The new season of the outdoor Canton Farmers Market will begin Sunday, May 14, and will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 15, in Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in these Off-Season Farmers Markets, including: Betty’s Best Soap, featuring goat milk soap, lotion, meat tallow bars and lotions; Boblin Honey, featuring a variety of honey; Cora + Co Handmade, featuring handmade children’s clothing and accessories; Crave Home LLC, featuring natural skincare products and jams; Evermore Backyard Farm LLC, featuring bread, soup, dip dry mixes, and spices; Kapolek Farms, featuring a variety of meats; Mariposa Boutique, featuring hair bows accessories and custom-made clothes; Moxy Eats, featuring salami chips; Pat Kubert, featuring pot holders, and sugar scrubs; Pick Michigan, featuring greenhouse produce; Planted Detroit, featuring salads and produce; Sign Woodworks, featuring home and holiday signs and decorations; SkinCare SocialClub, featuring various skincare products; Spice Grrrl, featuring organic spices, teas and salts; STEAP, featuring loose leaf tea and brewing accessories; The Cheese People of Grand Rapids, featuring a variety of cheese; The Pasta Shop, featuring pasta and sauce; and Urge Juice, featuring cold pressed juices, smoothies, and salads.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.gov, or call (734) 394-5375.



Canton police officers host Coffee with a Cop Feb. 25

Members of the Canton Township Police Department will be buying the coffee during the next Coffee with a Cop session.

The informal and informative gathering is set for 9 until 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road in Canton. The sessions are designed so members of the public can become more familiar with and informed about the local police department. Officers welcome input regarding neighborhoods and concerns of township residents.

Coffee with a Cop was launched in 2011 when officers from the Hawthorne California Police Department were looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of local communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media.

Coffee with a Cop events now take place in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community-oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and Latin America. Coffee with a Cop opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together, officials said.

Indian specialty grocery store is proposed for township

The flavors of Indian cuisine could soon be available in Canton Township with the potential opening of a grocery chain focused on spices and ingredients used in India and the Middle East.

Members of the Canton Township Planning Commission recently reviewed plans for a 20,000-square-foot Patel Brothers grocery store to be constructed at the former site of Canton Computers on Canton Center Road, between Ford and Hanford roads.

Plans call for the demolition of the current building on the 2.6 acre property and construction of a new building. Architects for the proposed store told commissioners that work was under way on Patel Brothers grocery stores in Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Arizona. Patel Brothers has been in business since 1974 and now operates 52 grocery stores across the country, along with those in Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, Garden City and Troy, according to the company website.

Planning commissioners required changes to the masonry, landscape, lighting and driveway plans. When those changes are included in the plans, the project can be submitted to the township board of trustees for consideration.

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Inkster - Wayne

Black History Icons of Inkster set for this Saturday

Every former mayor of the City of Inkster has been invited to participate in a special event set for this weekend at the city recreation center.

The special celebration of Black history will be celebrated Saturday during the Black History Icons of Inkster event set for 4 p.m. at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster.

The event will include a presentation on the iconic history of Inkster with Robert Turley, author of the forthcoming memoir “Inktown.” Turley will discuss figures in the history of the city and what they teach current residents “about who and where we are today and what we can do to move forward.”

All former mayors of the city have been invited to participate in the event which will feature soul food, African food, dance, fashion, poetry and other entertainment.

The free event is presented by the We Rise organization. The recreation center is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.



The Icons of Inkster event will take place at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center on Saturday.

Wayne reinforces city support for Black History Month

City of Wayne officials recently reinforced their appreciation for Black History Month celebrated each February.

In an official media posting on the city administration Facebook page, officials noted that every February, people in the United States celebrate the achievements and history of African Americans as part of Black History Month.

In 1915, in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second week of February as “Negro History Week” to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Few people studied Black history and it wasn't included in textbooks prior to the creation of Negro History Week, the post stated.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist, who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people, and former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln.

President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the enslavement of Black people in the country. Many schools and leaders began recognizing the week after its creation, the post reminded residents.

The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States every February since, according to the post which reinforced the celebration of the month in the City of Wayne.



Words to the wise

Members of the Wayne Rotary Club continued the long-standing tradition of presenting each third-grade student in the community with a dictionary. The club has sponsored the dictionary gifts for several years. This year, members of the city police and fire departments helped distribute the reference books and many signed the gifts for the students. This year, students at St. Michael's, Taft Galloway, Roosevelt and McGrath elementary schools received the books.



Trivia contestants are sought

The City of Wayne Commission on Aging is seeking trivia buffs to participate in a multi-city trivia competition set for March 17 at the Westland Friendship Center.

Ten experts in little-known facts of doubtful value are being sought to represent the City of Wayne in the senior competition.

Anyone 50 years of age or older interested in competing should contact Wayne Community Development Director Lori Gouin at (734) 722-2002 for more information.

The Westland Friendship Center is located at 119 North Newburgh Road in Westland.

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TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Board Room, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at;

6:00 pm, Tuesday
February 28th, 2023
(immediately preceding the Township Board Meeting)

Regarding the 2023-2024 Operating Budget and related information.

NATURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Sumpter Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 5 days' notice to the Sumpter Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sumpter Township board by writing or calling the following: Esther Hurst, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at Sumpter Township, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Esther Hurst Clerk
Township of Sumpter

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NORTHVILLE

Township names first-ever deputy police chief

Matthew MacKenzie has been named Deputy Police Chief of the Northville Township Police Department, a new position for the agency.

The 21-year veteran of the department will work closely with Police Chief Scott Hilden, as they intensify efforts to achieve department goals, launch new initiatives and increase community engagement.

“Deputy Chief MacKenzie is an excellent law enforcement officer,” Hilden said. “His leadership skills, his ability to mentor others and his attention to detail have always stood out. This police department, this community will benefit from his new position.”

MacKenzie was promoted from the rank of detective sergeant, his rank since 2020.

In this capacity, he supervised personnel assigned to the support services division, the records department, the ordinance department, the incident support team, as well as depart-

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mental specialty roles: the crime analyst, the school resource officer; the community resource officer and the FBI Task Force officer. He also reviewed and assigned cases to detectives, oversaw case management and was the liaison with the media.

MacKenzie joined Northville Township in 2002 after spending 2001 as a township reserve officer. His career achievements include serving as a school resource officer, a bike patrol officer, a detective, a SWAT team leader, a field training officer supervisor, a sergeant in charge of road patrol and a firearms instructor, a post he has had for 16 years.

“I am excited about this new

opportunity to serve the community and help the Northville Township Police Department,” MacKenzie said.

MacKenzie said he has long had a soft spot for helping youth and plans on finding ways to incorporate his expertise in his new position. He worked as a juvenile probation officer for three years after he graduated with majors in psychology and criminology from Central Michigan University, where he played baseball for two years. He had never considered pursuing law enforcement as a career until interacting with police officers on a daily basis, he said.

“I remember thinking, this looks like a great job, where

every day will be a different challenge,” MacKenzie said.

MacKenzie also holds a master's degree in organizational leadership and administration from Concordia University.

He said he expects to take a mentoring role to develop the department staff for future success.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons, camping and exercising (high intensity interval training - HIIT).

His promotion was effective Jan. 30. Three internal candidates applied for the position.

“Deputy Chief MacKenzie has demonstrated the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding of what is needed to police in the 21st century,” Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo said. “He recognizes the importance of following nationwide best practice standards, understands societal concerns and believes in the need to be transparent and build community trust.”



Deputy Police Chief Matthew MacKenzie

Northville Township Police Department has 36 sworn officers. The agency operates a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which receives emergency and non-emergency calls for Northville Township and the City of Northville. The center is operated by 12 civilian Public Safety Officers.



George Lahanas

Council members choose new city manager

The City of Northville has a new manager.

George Lahanas, the former city manager of East Lansing, was unanimously chosen by members of the Northville City Council on Feb. 6 to become the new Northville city manager.

His planned starting date is March 1.

The vote for the resolution to make him an offer of employment came exactly one month after former City Manager Pat Sullivan's retirement date of

Jan. 6. A field of 24 candidates had been narrowed down to five highly qualified individuals who came in for interviews before council members at a special meeting Feb. 4.

Two days after the Feb. 4 special meeting, Mayor Brian Turnbull called for each council member's top choice from those interviews.

A list of criteria that council members used to rank each candidate as "the right fit" was read by Mayor Pro Tem Barbara

Moroski-Browne. Lahanas was the top choice of every city council member for the city manager position, contingent on his acceptance, employment terms and a successful background check.

Lahanas has served in progressively higher-level jobs in East Lansing for 24 years, including 11 years as city manager. He holds a master of public administration degree from Northern Michigan University, with a concentration in person-

nel and labor relations, and a bachelor of science degree, cum laude, from Northern Michigan University, with a major in criminal justice.

Turnbull and other council members said they expect that Lahanas will work well with staff, Council and others as he manages city functions, oversees new development and helps drive implementation of priority projects designed to improve the quality of life in Northville.

Syrup

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with free recipes which use maple syrup.

The cost for the popular event is \$10 per person, with children 2 and younger admitted at no cost with an adult. Group tours are available for any group of 15 or more paid admissions.

Space is limited for each tour and visitors are asked to be at the wagon loading area 15 minutes prior to the assigned tour time, late arrivals cannot be accommodated. The wagon ride to and from the Sugar Bush is included in admission.

Appropriate dressing for the unpredictable Michigan March weather and

shoes comfortable for the walk into the wooded area are advised. The outdoor walking tour is sometimes wet and snow covered.

Tours depart on the half hour from 12:30 until 4 p.m. when the last wagon leaves for the wooded area. The tours are dependent on the weather visitors should call to ensure the tours are scheduled in the event of freezing temperatures, high winds or ice. Closure will be announced on the website as soon as possible.

Reservations are not required and tickets are sold at the door. Space for the popular tours is limited, organizers advised, and tickets usually sell out quickly.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville and is operated by the Northville Community Foundation,

a registered 501 c 3 organization. The farm entrance is about a quarter mile past the state park entrance off Eight Mile

Road. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.



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Plymouth - Westland

Council recognizes students' Acts of Kindness

Three students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools district who demonstrated Random Acts of Kindness were recently recognized by members of the Westland City Council during a regular meeting.

Honored were Brandon Britton of Wayne Memorial High School, Lucas Downey of William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, and Jeremiah Whitner of John Glenn High School.

Britton participates in the district unified basketball team as a student coach. He has been a consistent presence for the team, and the players look forward to seeing him, according to his nomination. He was recognized for his kindness in volunteering his time to this unique program.

Downey is known for his willingness to help, according to his nomination. He helps other students with assignments and helps the teaching staff. He helped transport carts to the lecture hall when his class had to temporarily move classrooms for a couple days. Downey is consistently nominated for student of the



Random Acts of Kindness honorees, accompanied by family members and educators, were recently recognized at a meeting of the Westland City Council.

week for always going out of his way to be extra helpful in the Autobody classroom, his nomination cited.

Whitner was nominated for his honesty in returning a cell phone he had found on the second floor of the high school building.

The program is part of the Westland Compassionate City Committee members' efforts, working in partnership with Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Township selects new school police officer

Plymouth Township Police Ofc. Joe Smitherman has been named as the new Plymouth Canton Community District Public School Resource Officer (SRO).

Smitherman is a nine-year veteran Plymouth Township police officer with additional experience in Alaska, serving as the SRO in the Ketchikan, Alaska Gateway Borough School District. Plymouth-Canton School District

Security Director Josh Meier was a member of the interview panel that assisted with selecting Smitherman for the position.

Police sources praised Smitherman as "one of our top community police officers and is really great with kids and young adults." The SRO position was created by members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees in the annual budget.



Ofc. Joe Smitherman

Treasurer offers tax help

The office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree will be open on Saturdays beginning Feb.18, for taxpayers to make payment arrangements for delinquent taxes.

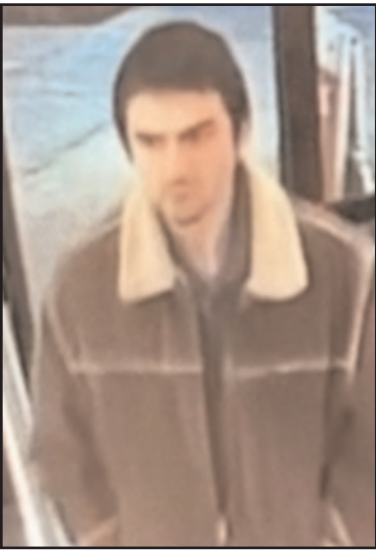
The office will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays through March 25 for taxpayers to make payments or enter a payment plan. For information, go to <https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/contact-us.aspx>.

Sabree has urged county taxpayers who owe property taxes for 2020 or prior years to get into payment plans by March 14 or pay their property tax bills in full by March 31. Otherwise, they risk having the property go into foreclosure, he said.

"It is very important that individuals who owe back property taxes for the year 2020 or prior either pay the tax bill in full or work with our office to make payment arrangements."

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office has several options to help residents stay in their homes, including financial hardship extensions and other payment plans.

For more information, go to [treasurer.waynecounty.com](https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/contact-us.aspx) or contact the office by email at tax-info@waynecounty.com.



Police are seeking information about the man above captured by surveillance camera at a Westland drugstore last month.

'Flasher' suspect is sought

The search for a man who sexually exposed himself at a local drugstore in Westland is ongoing, according to police reports.

The indecent exposure reportedly occurred just after 5:43 p.m. on Dec. 18 last year. According to police reports, the suspect, captured by surveillance cameras as he left the store, took place at the Walgreens on Middlebelt Road in Westland.

Witnesses told police the man loitered in the store for approximately 20 minutes before he lifted his shirt with his pants pulled down, exposing his genitals. The man then left the store, according to police reports.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s. He is about 6-feet, 1-inch tall and has a thin build and short black hair. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a tan jacket and black jogger pants.

Police are asking anyone with information about the suspect or the incident to contact the Westland Police Department Detective Bureau at (734)713-3706 and speak to Sgt. Nathan MacRae who is handling the investigation.



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